

Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes – February 8, 2016
Joshua Tree Community Center, 6171 Sunburst Ave., Joshua Tree, CA 92252

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Members Present: Myers, Ziegert, Lundquist, Flanagan, Sitz, Swarat, Tuttle, Koenig. Member Absent: Lutringer
- D. Adoption of Agenda
- E. The minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were adopted as presented.
- F. LAW/FIRE ENFORCEMENT PANEL FORUM
The Panel was as follows: Joling Captain, MB Sheriff's Department, Bergey, DDA SBC, Webster DDA, Miller, Probation, Chamberlin, SBC Fire, Ohls, JTNP, Miller, PIO CHP, Robles, Lt. CHP.

Capt. Joling gave a presentation on the 2015 crime statistics in the MB. Of note, the department covers an area of approximately 2700 sq. mi. They responded to over 20,000 calls averaging 56 calls a day. After the presentation questions submitted by the crowd were addressed. Questions ranged from information on an old murder case to squatters in abandoned houses. The issue of recent neighborhood burglaries was also raised with Joling saying burglaries are often the result of a group effort and once some of that group is apprehended, the numbers abate. He said preventing neighborhood burglaries is truly a neighborhood watch and urged everyone to get involved in a neighborhood watch in their area. Some residents were frustrated with squatters and burglaries along with drug issues in abandoned homes that are owned by people not living in the MB. Saying that they have to work with the owner, "If an owner cannot be found it makes our work more difficult".
- G. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Al Marquez told those present there would be a community clean up in Sunfair on March 5th. He also asked everyone to sign a petition against Nextera solar.
- H. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved as submitted: March 14, 2016

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